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March 10, 2020  
Subject: Pavement Milling, HMA  
Overlay, Bridge Work with Drainage  
& Safety Improvements  
State WINs: 022402.00 & 023617.10  
Location: **Howland, Edinburg &  
Argyle Township**  
**Amendment No. 2**

Dear Sir/Ms.:

The following question has been received:

**Question:** The Wage Rates given in the General Decision for Equipment Operators seem high for this region. Will these wages be changed to wages more representative of what is paid in the area?

**Response:** The Contractors' bids need to be based on the wage rate decision in the Contract Bid Book. However, the Department is aware of the situation and is working to get the wage rates amended. For this to happen in a more timely manner, Contractors should voice their concerns to Jeff Fisher, National Survey Coordinator, DOL at [fisher.jeff@dol.gov](mailto:fisher.jeff@dol.gov) or by phone at # 202-500-5649. If a new wage rate is available before bid opening, the Department will issue an amendment. If not, the Department will include the revised wage rates by contract modification if they are available during construction. No change to the contract's wage rates can occur except by Amendment or Contract Modification by the Department.

Consider these changes and information prior to submitting your bid on **March 11, 2020**.

Sincerely,

George M. A. Macdougall P.E.  
Contracts & Specifications Engineer